

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE  
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION

**WHEREAS,** This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; and

**WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5(j) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes specifically authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to protect and preserve the property of the Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** In its Final Report, the Garrison Unit Joint Tribal Advisory Committee made numerous findings relating to the adverse impacts on the people of the Three Affiliated Tribes caused by the forced relocation of the Tribal people from their ancestral Reservation homes on the Missouri River bottomlands to new homes constructed on upland allotments and Tribal lands; and

**WHEREAS,** Such adverse impacts include the loss of reasonable access between homesites and primary road system; and

**WHEREAS,** The findings of adversity in such impacts were based upon documentation, derived from a study conducted by the Tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, that two hundred and sixty-nine (269) off-highway/homesite access roads were in need of either rebuilding or new construction; and

**WHEREAS,** There currently exists, throughout the Fort Berthold Reservation, a dire need for substantial improvement of the access between Indian homes and the primary road system and including, but not limited to, the construction and reconstruction of off-highway/homesite access roads; and

**WHEREAS,** Their lack of access affects the well being, health, and safety of the homesite residents, creates repair and replacement cost problems for the the Reservation School Districts', and makes snow removal difficult; and

**WHEREAS,** The realization of such necessary improvements is assuredly beyond the economic means of any of the individual Indian homeowners and there is currently functioning no program whether administered by the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the State of North Dakota, or the political subdivisions of the State, which can provide adequate funding and/or services to pursue such necessary improvements; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribes may prioritize snow removal within the Road Maintenance Line Item during the BIA Budgeting process and further prioritize access road improvements to facilitate snow removal.

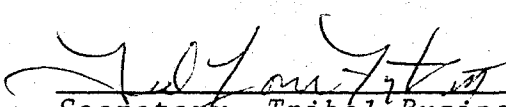
**NOW-THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby:

1. Request the BIA to enter into a Contract with the Three Affiliated Tribes for the purpose of constructing and improving homesite access roads - under a P.L. 93-638 Contract;
2. Directs the Transportation Committee to submit the appropriate documentation necessary to support this request;
3. Authorizes the Tribal Chairman to execute, on behalf of the Tribal Council, all the formal documents necessary to complete this request;
4. The Tribal Business Council understands that homesite access roads are not on the BIA Road System, but requests that this Project be funded based upon the precedent established by the Assistant Secretary of Interior for Snow Removal on Access Roads. Properly maintained roads will facilitate the efficiency of and decrease the cost of snow removal. These access roads are critically important and require maintenance year around to assure that the homeowners' health, safety, well-being needs are met and also to improve the repair/replacement records of all of the Reservation school districts' bus vehicles.

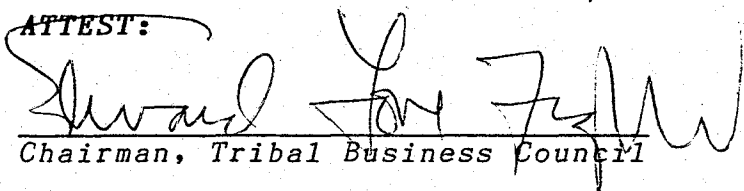
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 6 were present at a Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 25 day of July, 1988; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated the 25 day of July, 1988.

  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

  
Chairman, Tribal Business Council